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A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act ."

Shockley's COLURADO LANGUAGE:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 45-3-103, MCA, is amended to read:

"45-3-103. Use of force in defense of occupied structure or dwelling. A (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person is justified in the use of force or threat to use force against another when and to the extent that he the person reasonably believes that such conduct the use of force is necessary to prevent or terminate such the other's unlawful entry into or attack upon an occupied structure. However, he

(b) A person justified in the use of force pursuant to subsection (1) (a) is justified in the use of force likely to cause death or serious bodily harm only if:

(1)(i) the entry is made or attempted in violent, riotous, or tumultuous manner and he the person reasonably believes that such the force is necessary to prevent an assault upon or offer of personal violence to him the person or another then in the occupied structure; or

(2) (ii) he the person reasonably believes that such the force is necessary to prevent the commission of a forcible felony

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in the occupied structure.

(2) Any occupant of a dwelling is justified in using any degree of physical force, including deadly force, against another person if:

- (a) that other person has made an unlawful entry into the dwelling;
- (b) the occupant has a reasonable belief that the other person:
- (i) has committed a crime in the dwelling in addition to the unlawful entry; or
- (ii) is committing or intends to commit a crime against a person or property in addition to the unlawful entry; and
- (c) the occupant reasonably believes that the other person might use any physical force, no matter how slight, against any occupant of the dwelling."

{Internal References to 45-3-103: ok 45-3-105* }

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